

Remarks

Claims 1 and 2 are amended.

Claims 1 and 2 are under consideration and are the only claims of this application.

Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to delete hydrogen and halogen as a definition for G_2 , except under the conditions where E_5 is the $-OE_{10}(OH)_b$ moiety.

Claim 1 also amended to address 35 USC 112, second paragraph issues outlined in the Office Action.

Claim 2 is amended to be independent and to remove compounds removed with the amendment to claim 1.

No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

Claim 1 is repaired by amendment to address these issues.

In light of the amendments, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Rody, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,289,686, Berner, U.S. Pat. No. 4,314,933 and Ravichandran, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,021,478.

Claim 1 is amended to set a clear line of demarcation from the disclosures of these references.

Applicants submit that in view of the present amendments, that the 35 USC 102(b) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Rody '686 and Ravichandran '478, each alone or in combination.

The limitations of the present claims cannot be met by the disclosure of the cited references, alone or in combination.

Applicants submit that in light of the present amendments, that the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

In view of the present amendments and the above discussion, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) rejections are each addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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